



# *City of Westfield, Massachusetts*

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**City Council Personnel Action Committee**

**Thursday May 5, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.**

**59 Court Street, Municipal Building  
Westfield, MA 01085**

*minutes*

### AGENDA ITEMS

Call meeting to Order

Attendance – Roll Call *Adams, Figy, Bean*

Public Participation – 15 minutes total

Submitting the reappointment of Diane Snow, 13 Country Club Drive, as a member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire May 15, 2025

*3-0 approved*

Adjourn - *3-0*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent B. Bean II, Chair

Attn: Councilor Bean.

I have been a member of the Board of Assessors for 30 years and in that time the Board has had to deal with many issues that related to the organization and

productivity of the office staff as well as hiring several City Assessors. I'm sure you are aware that although all Board members have to take and pass DOR

courses that would actually make us able to perform the assessing functions, none of us do that here in Westfield. We instead have a City Assessor and staff

who perform those functions and the Board's responsibility is to make sure that those functions have been done according to DOR requirements.

I have enjoyed being on this Board and consider the work of the Assessors to be the most significant contribution to the City.

We are a small Board and get along very well and each of us brings separate qualities to this work. I feel that I have been able to work with taxpayers

who come to the Board looking for an abatement on their property. I guess you are well aware that many taxpayers are upset at the amount of tax they

need to pay and this is especially true for the older citizens on fixed and many times small incomes. We have helped them look at alternative ways to increase

their incomes or to make the hard decision to sell the house and move to more affordable housing. In addition, since I am retired I am available to come in

when called by the Assessor to sign forms or attend a special meeting.

Thank you,

Diane Snow